



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Confirmation No.: 8595

Shinya MIYAJI et al.

Attorney Docket No.: 108421-00095

Appln. No.: 10/814,304

Group Art Unit: 2836

Filed: April 1, 2004

Examiner: Luis Enrique ROMAN

For: ELECTROSTATIC CHUCK AND PRODUCTION METHOD THEREFOR

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT FILED WITH A REQUEST FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

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Commissioner for Patents

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Date: December 18, 2006

Sir:

Coupled with the filing of a Request for Continued Examination and Petition for Extension of Time, Applicants request that, prior to initial examination, the above-identified application be **FURTHER** amended as shown below. This paper is in reply to the outstanding Final Office Action dated August 24, 2006 and the Advisory Action dated November 20, 2006, the due date for which has been extended one month from November 24, 2006 to December 24, 2006 with the attached Petition for Extension of Time.

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